

Supply of Electricity to pump sets in Santibastwad Village

647: SRI B. B. SAYANAK (Belgaum).—Will the Minister of State for Power be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it is a fact that ten agriculturists of Santibastwad Village in Belgaum had purchased electric motors and pumpsets in the year 1973-74 with a loan from Bank of India and Land Revenue Banks;

(b) whether it is a fact that they have not been supplied electricity upto now;

(c) whether it is a fact that they have cleared the Bank loan;

(d) the reasons why electricity has not been supplied even then?

SRI H. C. SRIKANTIAH (Minister of State for Power).—

(a) & (b) Of the ten applicants, Irrigation Pumpsets of two, were serviced during 1973 I.P. Sets of two more applicants will be serviced shortly and the work pertaining I.P. Sets of the remaining would be taken up only after completion of the earlier portions of the scheme.

(c) The Karnataka Electricity Board is not aware of the position

(d) (i) Due to non-compliance of departmental formalities by applicants,

(ii) As three interlinking schemes were prepared for servicing of these I.P. Sets, the second scheme can be taken up on completion of first scheme and third scheme on completion of the second Scheme, the schemes being in continuation of one after another.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—It has been admitted by the Hon'ble Minister that in the year 1973-74, 10 persons had applied for the energising of pumpsets and only two pumpsets were energised or serviced during 1973. May I know whether this is not a very slow process of energising the pumpsets?

† SRI H. C. SRIKANTIAH.—It is not a slow process Sir. The point is that there are three interlinking schemes. Now the board has completed the first and the second scheme and the third scheme is going to be taken up. Two pumpsets have already been serviced under the second scheme.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—May I know in how many months you are going to service the two pumpsets which are yet to be serviced especially when the monsoon is going to set in shortly?

SRI H. C. SRIKANTH.—The applicants are required to complete the formalities according to the rules of the Electricity Board. Soon after they complete the formalities, action would be taken to service the remaining pumpsets.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—One of the points of the Prime Minister's 20 point Programme is giving power to the irrigation pumpsets. This being so, may I request the Government to give top priority to these persons and energise their pumpsets early?

SRI H. C. SRIKANTH.—Government has already given top priority for these pumpsets. The formalities are yet to be completed by the applicants. I request the hon'ble member kindly to help the applicants in completing the formalities so that power could be supplied to them.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—May I know what are those formalities to be completed?

SRI H. C. SRIKANTH.—These formalities are contained in the rules of the Board. They are required to deposit some amount and comply with other formalities required by the Board.

ఆధ్యక్షరు—పత్ర ను ఈ ఏ ఎం. ఫాఫియావర వ్యతిహాన్ శ్రీ బి. జి. చంకారావరు కేళువుచుండు.

Construction of Guru Bhavan at Dharwar

637. **SRI B. G. BANIKAR** (Hirekerur) [on behalf of Sri V. M. Ghaiji (Hiriyal).]—Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state:—

(a) the amount collected from teachers including from the public and how much amount is sanctioned for construction of Guru Bhavan at Dharwar;

(b) the progress of this work since the year 1970;

(c) the reasons for delay in construction even though the money is ready at hand;

(d) when the said building will be completed?

SRI V. MALLIKARJUNASWAMY (Minister for Education)—

(a) An amount of Rs. 4 lakhs has been collected from public. An amount of Rs. One lakh has been sanctioned out of Teachers Benefit Fund. Further, an amount of Rs. One lakh has been sanctioned as Government's contribution.

(b) The building has come up to roof level.